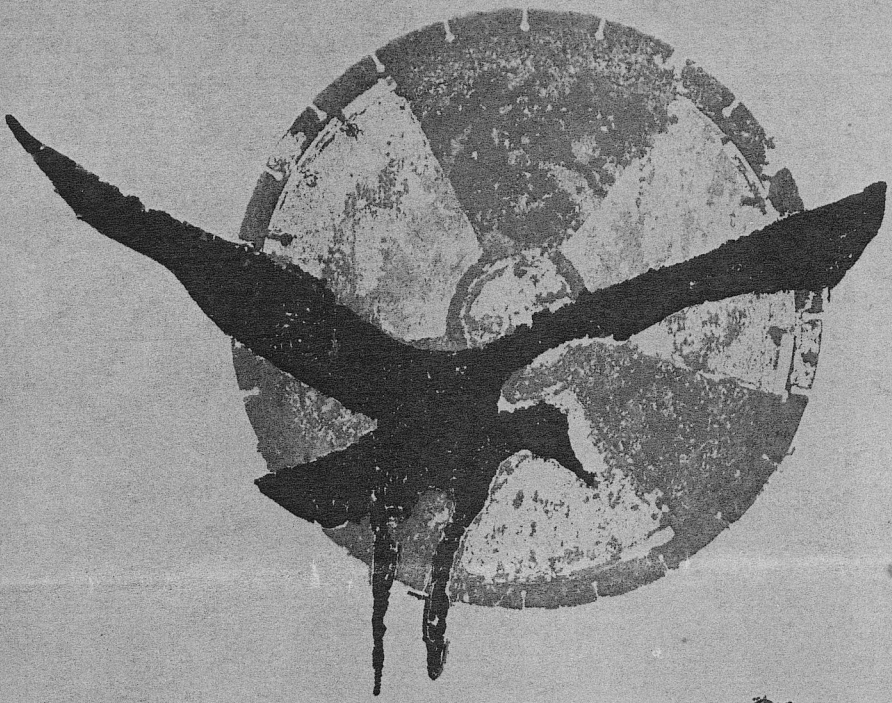
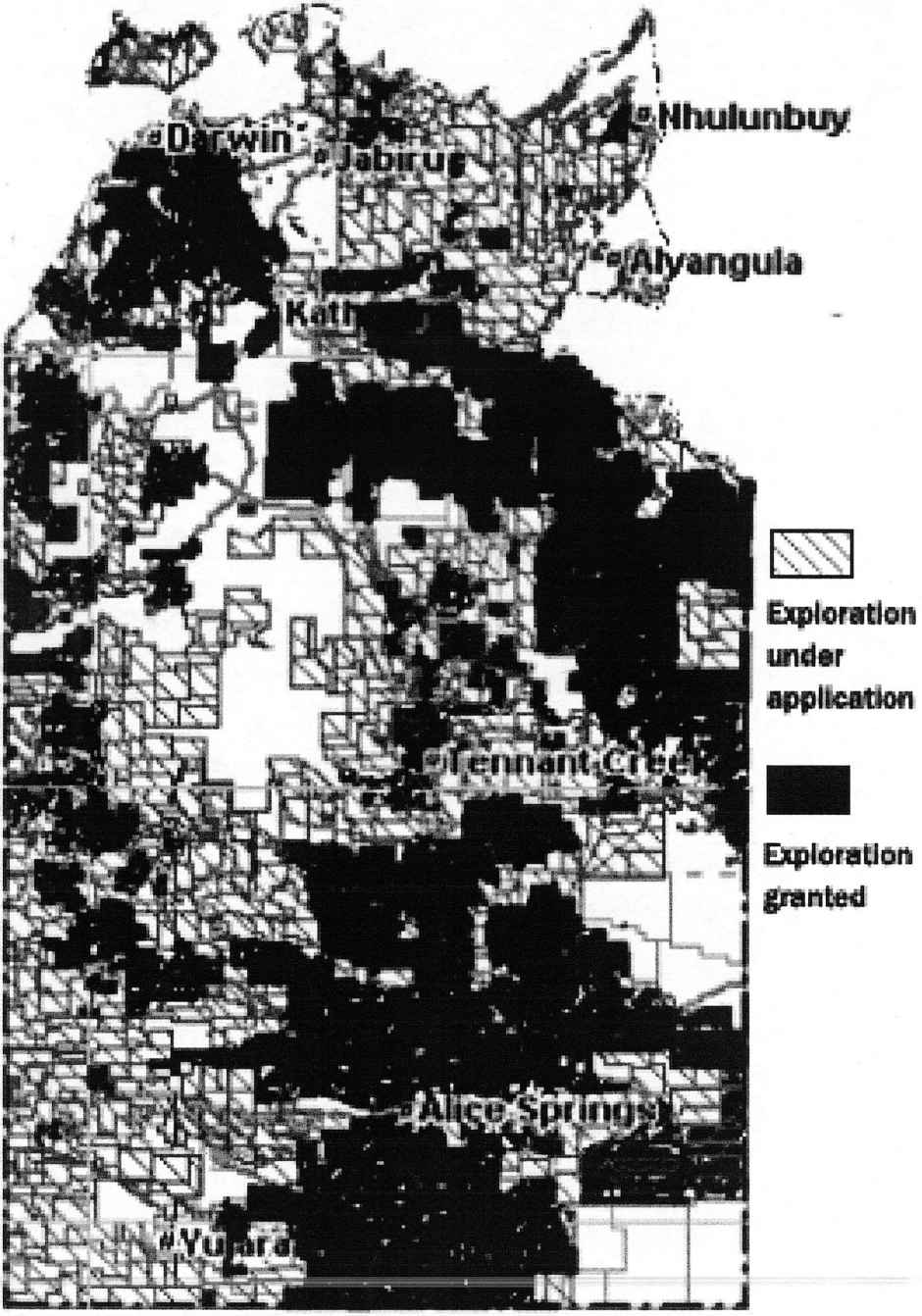


NUCLEAR TERRITORY

Current exploration in the NT



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Welcome to Top End Secret 2 where major mineral and energy discoveries are possible and opportunity awaits to become... Ore-Struck! The Northern Territory Government brings you the following initiatives to support your quest for undiscovered wealth in the Territory:

- A range of New Geoscience Programs to identify exploration opportunities in greenfields and undercover terranes
- Continued support to facilitate Land Access
- Assistance in accessing Chinese Investment to advance exploration and mining projects

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The push for increased uranium mining in the NT is riding on the coat tails of the federal government's push for increased uranium export. In the period between January 2007 and April 2008, 386 exploration licences were granted by the Northern Territory Government. Of these, 193 (50%) were to companies who have a specifically cited interest in mining uranium.

The Northern Territory Government has committed $14.4 million over 4 years (2007-2011) to assist explorers to make the next major mineral and petroleum discovery. As part of the initiative, exploration companies are entitled to apply for 50% or up to $100 000 of their costs for drilling and geophysical surveys in to boost activity in under-explored regions.

The 2008 Budget also includes:

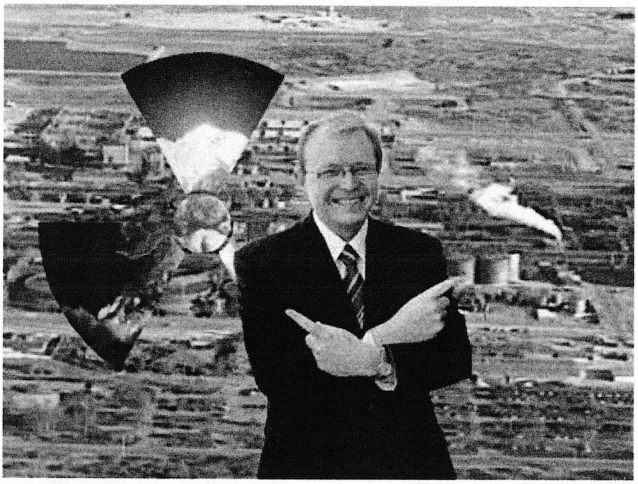
- $700,000 to implement new strategies to increase access for mineral and energy exploration on Aboriginal land.

- $560,000 to promote exploration and mining investment opportunities in the Territory. This includes the new $310,000 'Orestruck' marketing campaign.

NTG support for an expansion of the mining industry is being provided not only financially but through policy changes and fast-tracking the licensing process. Steps being taken to facilitate land access include:

1. Native Title processes for the grant of exploration licences continue to be streamlined through the use of the expedited procedure under the *Native Title Act.*
2. Amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act provide new streamlined provisions for access to Aboriginal freehold land and an opportunity for greater involvement by the Territory.
3. Additional support in obtaining land access is being provided with the recruitment of staff to attend on-country meetings and assist explorers.
4. A review of the Mining Act is being progressed with the aim of developing transparent and efficient legislation for the grant of exploration and mining title

Rudd and Ferguson to dump a core election promise?



On June 9, The Age published comments from Resources Minister Martin Ferguson, which called for the "fast tracking" of a selection process to locate a federal radioactive waste dump. Ferguson indicated this site will likely be in the Northern Territory and refused to rule out using the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act (CRWMA), introduced by the Howard Government in 2005, to push through any decision.

This is a betrayal of a clear election promise to repeal the Act, which overrides NT laws prohibiting transport and storage of nuclear waste. A raft of environmental, cultural protection, public health and safety laws also went out the window with the introduction of the CRWMA.

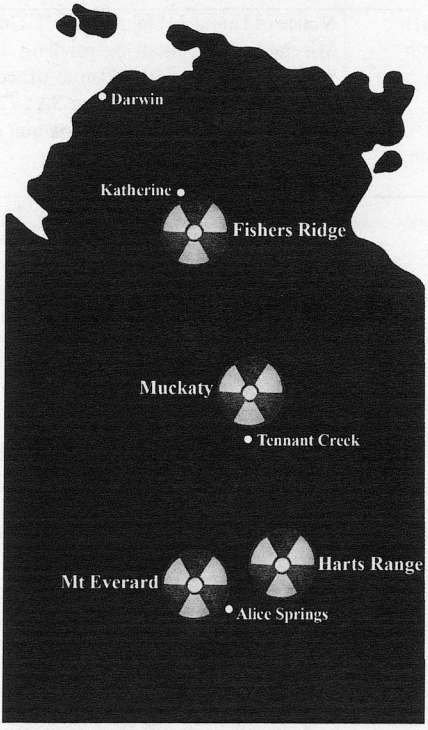
Amendments to the CRWMA passed in 2006 overrode Aboriginal Land Rights Act procedures requiring informed consent from all affected people and groups. When it was introduced in Parliament, Labor ministers called the legislation, "arrogant, extreme, draconian, sordid, and profoundly shameful".

Under the amended process, Muckaty, 120 km north of Tennant Creek, was nominated by the Northern Land Council. This ignored strong, public opposition from a number of traditional owners for the 18 months from rumour to reality of the nomination.

Labor's national conference in April 2007 committed to repealing the CRWMA if elected. Labor policy is for a method of addressing radioactive waste management issues which is "scientific, transparent, accountable, fair and allows access to appeal mechanisms".

After a decade of the Coalition Government's haphazard and bullying approach, Labor commitments were met with cautious welcome. However, since gaining the dump portfolio, pro nuclear Resources Minister Ferguson has since been every bit as secretive as the Howard Government. Fast tracking the dump, using legislation his own party called 'profoundly shameful', can hardly be considered fair or transparent process.

The same day Ferguson was calling to fast track the NT dump, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was in Japan calling for "a world free of nuclear weapons". Though symbolically a profound political gesture, this is in reality empty rhetoric while both Rudd and Minister Martin Ferguson actively promote increased uranium mining and exports, and continue to pursue Howard's plan to dump federal radioactive waste on remote Territory communities.



Traditional Owners and community members from targeted sites in the NT are continuing to speak out strongly. National environment and health groups, including Medical Association for the Prevention of War, Friends of the Earth Australia, Greenpeace Australia Pacific, The Wilderness Society and the Public Health Association Australia, recently sent a joint letter to Rudd and Ferguson demanding the ALP honour the election commitment to repeal the CRWMA.

We need to demonstrate broad national support behind this demand - there is no time to waste.

EXISTING AND P ROPOSED URANIUM MINES IN NORTHERN TE RRITORY

This ta ble includes ope rating mine s, all mines whe re app roval proces sses have be gun, and some (but not al l) projects that may b e subject to gove rnmen t ap provals over the ne xt 1-2 ye ars.

NAME OF MINE/ DEPOSIT	LOCATION	COMPANY	TYPE OF MINE	STATUS
Ang ela / Pamel a	25 km South of Alice Sprin gs	Cameco/ Pala din joint ven ture	Combinati on shall ow ope n cut and und erg round or ISL	Exploration license ap plied for - decision expected early August 2008. *Strong opposition from the Alice Springs community to this proposal*
Ranger	250km east of Darwin, in excised area of Kaka du Na tional Park	Energy Resources Aust ra lia (ERA)	Op en cut	Mine end date has been extende d from 2012 to 2020. Futur e expansion options inclu de heap leaching, further Pit #3 expan sion, possible underground mining beneath Mag ela Creek
Bigrlyi	390km north west of Alice Sprin gs, near Yuendumu	Energy Metals	Op en pit	10 grante d explorati on rete nti on licenses. *Traditional Owners have spoken strongly against this project*
Nol an' s Bore	135 km NN W of Alice Sprin gs, near Alyuen communit y and Alieron roadh ou se	Arafura Resources	Rare earth mine with uranium and thorium pre sen t. Open pit m ining.	Notice of Intent submitte d to NT Govt. Mineral lea se applicati on pendi ng. Plan for production in 2010. Plan to process th e ore off-site e.g. Darwin or SA . *The mine proposes to use 1/3of the rainfall of the Western Ti Tree catchment district*
Browns / Rum Jungle	80km south of Darwin, 20km north of Batchel or	Compass Resources		Mill nea rly built for proces sing base m etal oxide ores, this could also process Mt Fitch copper -uranium ore, but no appr ova ls for uranium production yet. Major pro ject coul d include re-mi ning former Rum Jungle sit e for base metal s and urani um . Assessment expec ted to be triggered someti me d uring 20 08.
Koongarra		AREVA/ Cogema (Frenc h governme nt nuclear corporati on)		Continue d pressure on Tradi tio na l Owners for consent to develop. Further decision on explorati on app lication expected early 20 08. *Senior Traditional Owner Jeffrey Lee is strongly opposed and is asking for the lease area to be absorbed into Kakadu National Park and protected.*

STOP URANIUM MINING ASAP!

The Alice Springs Angela Pamela (ASAP) Collective has formed in opposition to a recent joint venture of Cameco Australia and Paladin Energy Minerals recent application for a license to explore uranium at the Angela and Pamela deposits, 25kms south of Alice Springs. The uranium deposits are within the town's water catchment boundary, just 10kms from the proposed new Rocky Hill borefield and 15km from the existing Roe Creek borefield which currently supplies drinking water to Alice Springs.

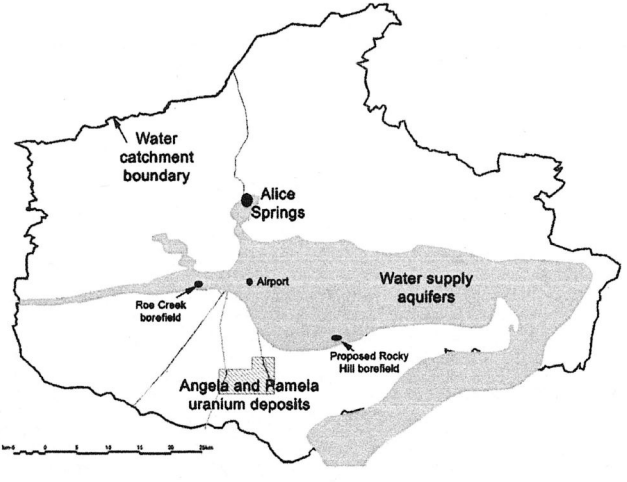
In December 2006, Mines Minister Chris Natt released a series of areas from 'reservation from occupation' status to encourage mineral exploration across the Territory. This opened the door for uranium exploration applications over the Angela and Pamela deposits in Central Australia. Uranium is a unique mineral with unique risks and associations. Concerns with uranium mining include the inextricable link to nuclear weapons proliferation, the unresolved global problem of nuclear waste and the long term local environmental hazards of radiological contamination.

Approximately 200 hundred residents attended a public meeting in Alice Springs on May 7. A resolution of the meeting, proposed by an audience member, and unanimously supported, called for The NT Minister for Mines and Energy and the Federal Resources Minister to organise and attend a public meeting in Alice Springs to address community concerns and answer queries directly. A second resolution was passed which demanded that NO license for uranium exploration be granted in relation to the Angela and Pamela sites.

Approximately 250 people wrote formal submissions to the Northern Territory Government opposing the exploration license. A petition with almost 950 signatories has also been tabled, demanding the areas be returned to 'reservation from occupation' status.

Join the campaign against uranium mining in Central Australia and demand an end to the expansion of the nuclear industry being pushed by the Territory and Federal Governments. ASAP believes a broad coalition of informed community members is crucial for successfully opposing Angela Pamela and other uranium proposals and are seeking to facilitate diverse input into developing a strong community campaign.

Angela / Pamela uranium deposits



This maps shows that the deposits lie within the catchment area and close to the bores that supply water to Alice Springs.

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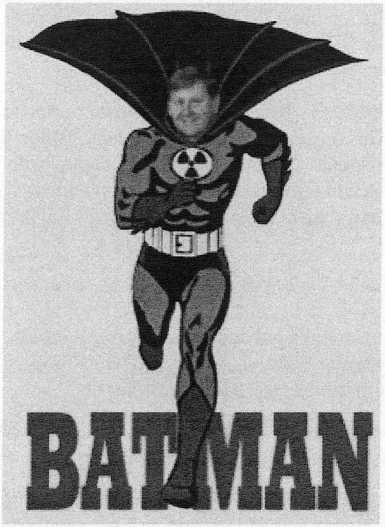
'Holy hole in the ground batman!'



At last year's National ALP conference, nuclear advocate Martin Ferguson, Member for Batman electorate, led the charge for the Party to drop its long standing 'no new uranium mines' policy. The vote was passed by the narrowest of margins, despite polls showing the majority of Australians, and the majority of Labor voters, do not want increased uranium mining in Australia. With Ferguson positioned as Federal Minister for Resources and Energy, the ALP is now aggressively promoting uranium mining and exploration.

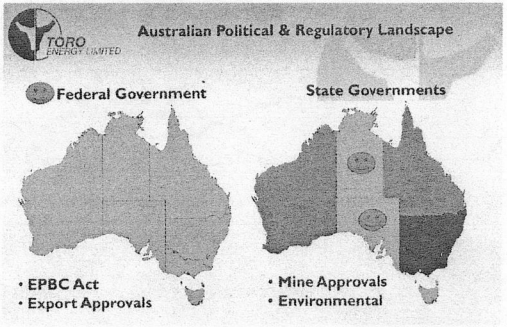
Australia currently has three operating uranium mines- Ranger in the Northern Territory and Beverley and Olympic Dam in South Australia. Mining is currently only allowed in the NT and SA, however, there are a raft of exploration applications across NT, SA, WA and Qld.

Though Ferguson has ruled out overriding state bans, earlier this year he arrogantly asserted "Queensland and Western Australia, at a point, will fall into line" (1). Though both states look set to hold their policies in the immediate term, pressure from the federal government to mine uranium is likely to increase.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has stated, "The Australian Government's policy is to support uranium mining and exploration, subject to strict safety, environmental and other regulatory requirements."

Though this rhetoric is attempting to reassure the public that legislation can prevent contamination, regulations fall far short of addressing deep and sustained concerns around the long-term health, social and environmental impacts (both local and global) of the nuclear industry.

Furthermore, despite rhetoric of 'safeguards' in export agreements, international and domestic nuclear safeguards simply cannot guarantee that Australian uranium won't be used, and isn't already in, nuclear weapons. Uranium mined in Australia is currently sold to a number of countries- including all of the declared nuclear weapons states.



The 27,000 nuclear weapons that still exist globally are a deadly and costly Cold War hang over and can destroy our planet several times over; they cost a fortune to maintain, the security they provide is illusive, while the dangers they pose to health and survival are very real.

Minister Martin Ferguson is determined that Australia becomes 'the world's biggest uranium exporter and a global leader in industry practice' (2). To counter this deadly dream, we need to build the world's biggest movement against uranium mining and send a clear message to Rudd that Australia should be a global leader in renewables.

1 ('Labor resurrects Howard's uranium plan', The Australian Online, 2/04/08)

2 ('Minister Ferguson gives strong backing to growth of uranium industry', Australian Uranium Association media release 30/05/08)

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Spoken word…

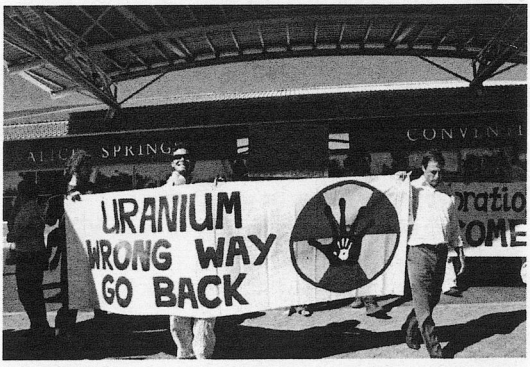
All this talk of uranium
Efficient energy source?
Well it's mak'n me glum
Cause I know its no solution
Just more trouble than it's worth
Yeh it's a problem, and the problem
It will decimate the earth

Traditional Owners say
It's the poison leave it
Government tell u it's the answer
But don't you believe
In the cold light of day if you give it some thought
You realise, it's an excuse,
To proliferate war

Cause weapons where the money's at
My sisters and brothers
And the folks who run that show sell nukes over any others
And a world run on uranium would still run out
Of energy, eventually
See the lies they spout

And while they're in the process
Getting toxic neon gold
Destroy'n land life culture water
Well it makes my blood run cold
And you know what's even worse? And it makes me sick?
Is they lie straight to our faces while the profit margin's thick
(So fuck those m*tha fu*ka's they a bunch of pricks)

In-situ leach mining poisons a massive sacred well
Like the Great Artesian Basin
And the Yella Cake fills shells, and bombs and creates lots'a waste
Big business acting like its holy,
But I tell you they aint chaste:



Its a disgrace
Its in ya face
Radioactive waste
Like toxic mace
And the water's laced
With the acid taste
Of the arms race
Don't let them deface
This sacred place

Angela Pamela

Oh well Angela Pamela
Cant they leave her alone
Such a strong pretty face
An Old precious stone
(don't they know, don't they know)
Oh sweet Angela Pamela
What have they done?

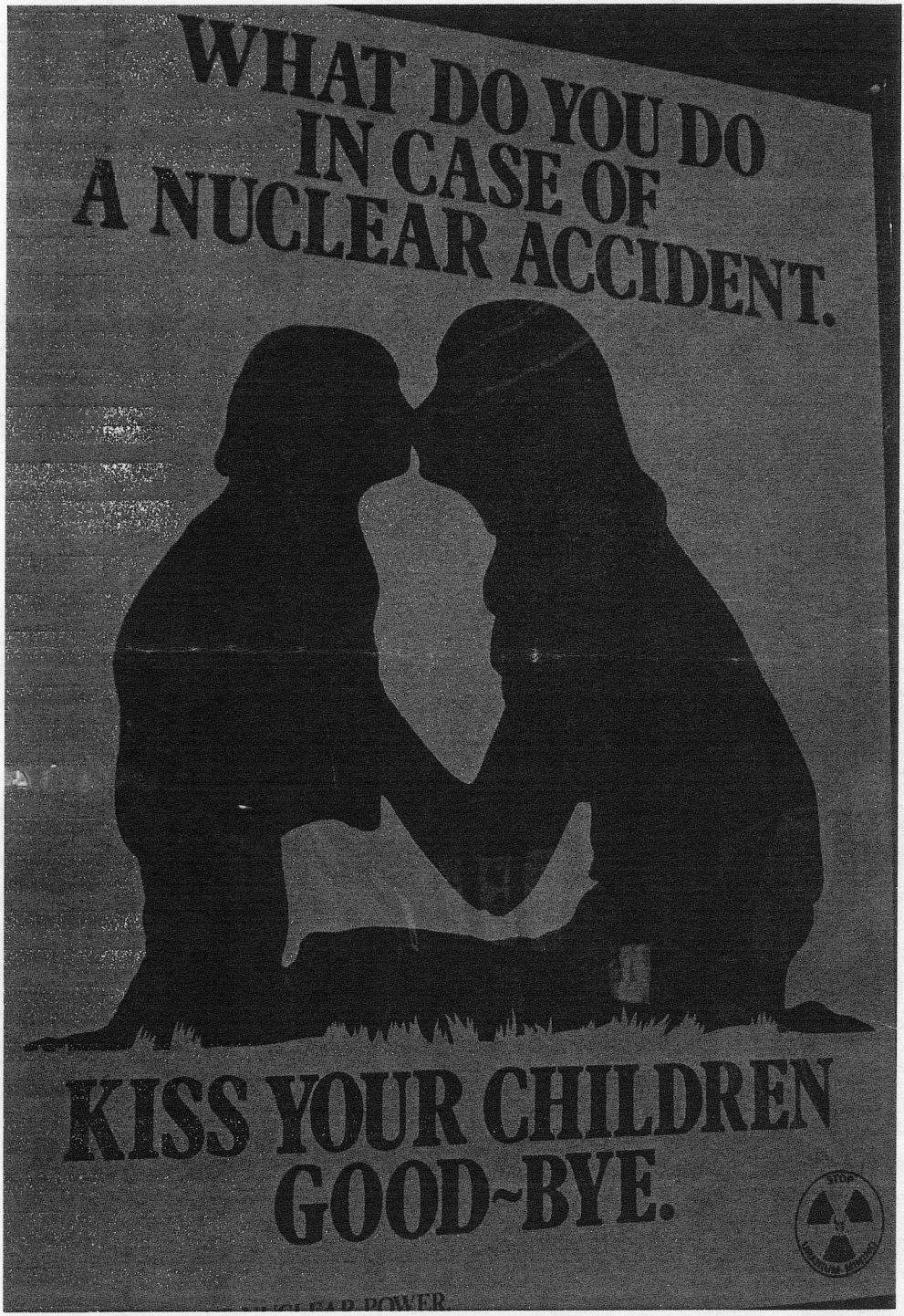
Underneath she has power
To be bright like the sun
Would they have her be cruel
Turn such beauty to poison
Don't they know who they playin with
And what could become

Beautiful people
Standin here by her side
She's Ancient and magic (not just for the ride)
The earths special daughter
Sacred soul standing as one
Don't they know who they playin with
And what could become

Angela Pamela cant you see don't you feel
They want to exploit you
Tellin lies not for real
Cause big business thinks money
Like a ceaseless war drum
They're coming to take you
How I wish you could run

Angela Pamela don't let them begin
Jewel in the desert
Keep you life blood within
They might sound so friendly
But they a big pack of creeps
Oh Angela Pamela
I'm playin for keeps

Poems by Mary Keaney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